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Better than Bribes

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Government officials in Europe, South America, and Asia, we find, have accepted bribes from multinational corporations in the United States. One corporation has apparently given away two and a half million dollars, another ten times that, to influence government officials. Some of these officials have been indicted, others put out of office, and some top executives of the corporations involved have been forced to resign.

Shocked by such reports, people are asking, Is it possible for multinational corporations to follow a single, high ethical standard and compete successfully in a world of many cultures and differing traditions of what is right and what is wrong?

Some corporations are devising their own codes of ethics to help guide their employees in doing the right thing. And this is good. But an ethic based on human tradition has the bias of that tradition and may have only limited appeal. In the long run only

a system of ethics based on absolute Truth can fulfill the common good and draw all people into one moral community. Christian Science offers such a system, firmly founded on the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and on the oneness of God, Spirit. Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, writes: "One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself;' annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry,—whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed."¹

Businessmen, along with others, are called upon to build a community without boundaries. "Truth is limitless; error is limited," Mrs. Eddy assures us. "Truth is intelligent; error is non-intelligent. Moreover, Truth is real, and error is unreal."² In Science, man is the very expression of this unifying Truth—the one God. The corporation representative who lives the truth in his heart and in his business will attract business, regardless of the cultural background of his clients and competitors.

The challenge is for him to develop an ongoing faith in the right that keeps the windows of consciousness clear for Truth's ideas to shine in. Then the spiritual strength and the moral courage needed to act according to Truth's demands will pour in, too. He can refuse to give in to the false gods of business: get-ahead materiality, self-gratification, and the argument that it's easier to do the expedient. He can reject the dichotomous expense-account mores that would superficially uphold a Christian standard while trafficking in grossness. As Paul says, "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."³ Holding to the fact that Truth is omnipotent, both ultimately and now, the executive can let the reality of the pure Christ transform business routine.

Society now appears to be expecting greater social responsibility and higher morals from corporations. Fast-breaking news in international commerce points to a lessening of the practice of illegal payments and hints at the ultimate moral force that reliance on absolute Truth can bring to the world. Illicit business/government

relationships are tolerated less today than in the past decade, as evidenced by the number of high officials who have been forced to resign. Society has raised its standards for public morality by at least a notch. Christ, Truth, is at work in world thought, impelling this progress.

For instance, a clear distinction is now often drawn between accepted marketing practices like entertaining customers, and unacceptable behavior shading from influential gifts into outright bribery. However, it's sometimes hard to know where to draw the line.

Apparently, the distinction wasn't easy in Bible times either. "Since giving gifts was viewed as a perfectly legitimate means of getting ahead (Prov. 18:16), and was even recommended to pacify antagonists (21:14)," a biblical scholar notes, "the distinction between gifts and bribes must sometimes have been extremely subtle."⁴ But Paul was clear on this point. He made no move to pay off Felix when that government official maneuvered for a bribe.⁵ The corporate representative can be as unequivocal as Paul. If he trusts pure and genuine Truth, by contrast the slightest hint of dishonesty will stand out to be demolished.

Someone is bound to ask: When everybody else is giving bribes, how can I get customers without giving bribes too? A corporation's chief officer answers: "Speaking from experience, I can say that it is entirely possible to operate a successful business, fulfilling society's requirements while maintaining the highest standards of morality."⁶

The one who aligns his thought with limitless Truth should be able to come up with more imaginative concepts for meeting a customer's needs and on a higher level. Truth has a way of reaching even the most calloused. The customer may well be delighted to be appealed to by resourcefulness instead of easy money, refinement instead of self-gratification, forthrightness instead of subterfuge.

But one thing seems clear—corporations have become so worldwide that their business is everybody's business. It is not the so-called evils of big business or government bureaucracy that have been basically at fault, but the good or evil motivations of the human being. We must conclude, therefore, that it is possible for

multinational corporations to follow a single ethical standard and compete successfully in the world market. And we must admit that the future of decency in international commerce will depend in part on how you and I are able to resist materialism and to practice ethics based on absolute Truth in our own lives. Mrs. Eddy assures: "The Science of man and the universe, in contradistinction to all error, is on the way, and Truth makes haste to meet and to welcome it. It is purifying all peoples, religions, ethics, and learning, and making the children our teachers."⁷

¹ *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 340; ² *ibid.*, p. 466; ³ Rom. 12:2; ⁴ *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Vol. 1, p. 465; ⁵ See Acts 24:26; ⁶ *S.A.M. Advanced Management Journal*, Winter, 1977, p. 9; ⁷ *Message to The Mother Church for 1902*, p. 2.

Only the real corrects the false

Absolute Truth— The Basis for Healing

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"Absolute" embraces all that is complete, final, perfect, spiritual. God is absolute. His allness includes His idea, man, and constitutes the entirety of being. Man is one with God, yet distinct as His expression. Mind, God, is the source of all true activity and the essence of all that exists.

Human experience can never be absolute. It is matter-oriented and therefore cannot be spiritual and eternal. In fact, the human is never a genuine state of being. It can never be more than a limited, imperfect statement about true being, about God and His idea.

The conditions of mortal existence may seem very real, but they are actually misconceptions of the absolute and eternal. The Christ, God's true idea, enables us to see the truths of God and man in

place of material beliefs. Sometimes we grasp a pertinent spiritual truth so vividly that false belief is instantly dispelled. At other times sustained mental argument—denial of error and affirmation of absolute facts—may be necessary.

There is only one Mind. In proportion as we understand this great truth and demonstrate it, we prove the nothingness of any other so-called mind or power. We realize that evil beliefs, without a mind to evolve or support them, can have no more substance than a dream.

Why must demonstration rest upon the absolute truths of spiritual existence? Because only the absolute, the spiritual, the real, has power to correct false belief. Demonstration means more than a change of matter—from weak to strong, from sick to well, from painful to painless. Our true demonstration is our spiritual achievement, our attainment of a higher, clearer view of God and man. In this larger sense, our demonstration can be moving forward constantly, for it is actually our progressive spiritualization of thought and life.

The painful problem that seems so real is actually only the projection of an incorrect view of man. Doing something to the body is not the remedy. It is the misconception that must be corrected. Only a change of thought can accomplish this.

Such a change is not brought about merely by “positive” thinking or by analysis of the human mind. Nor is correcting our thought a matter of the human mind’s willful determination to be better. The change of thought that constitutes true healing begins with our turning away from material modes and opinions. It involves spiritual receptivity to the one Mind—seeking and finding fresh, new perceptions of God’s goodness, pondering these perceptions, making them our own by putting them into practice.

Absolute truths of God and man are vital and active. When entertained in consciousness and expressed in daily life, they are profoundly alterative. They eradicate false beliefs and so correct the physical problem. No disorder, no matter how deep-seated or long-standing, can persist in such a changed mentality. Mrs. Eddy writes, “Neither organic inaction nor overaction is beyond God’s control; and man will be found normal and natural to changed mortal thought, and therefore more harmonious in his manifesta-

tions than he was in the prior states which human belief created and sanctioned." ¹

Human relationships also can be harmonized through resort to absolute spiritual truths. Again, we cannot rely on material evidence. Attempts to correct such difficulties merely through human logic, reason, and persuasion keep thought focused on the problem. And it would be wrong, as well as fruitless, to use Christian Science to get another to do what we want.

The solution does not lie in trying to change the other person but in changing our own view of him. God never made a selfish, hateful mortal. The animosity and resentment expressed by another are powerless when we refuse to identify him with such traits. We need to see others, and also ourselves, as all of us are in truth—perfect, loving, upright children of God.

Attaining more spiritual views brings peace to our own troubled thought and blesses others. Jacob proved this when he heard that Esau, the brother he had wronged, was coming with four hundred men to meet him. At first Jacob was afraid, but after a night of spiritual struggle his nature was so completely changed that he was given a new name. When the confrontation came, Esau ran to meet him and kissed him. Jacob said to Esau, "I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me." ²

Christ Jesus' life and healing works were based squarely on absolute scientific facts. His thought was so imbued with the power of Truth that he immediately detected and dispelled error's claims. His pure vision recognized the spotless spiritual selfhood of those who thronged him seeking help. Mrs. Eddy writes: "The real Christ was unconscious of matter, of sin, disease, and death, and was conscious only of God, of good, of eternal Life, and harmony. Hence the human Jesus had a resort to his higher self and relation to the Father, and there could find rest from unreal trials in the conscious reality and royalty of his being,—holding the mortal as unreal, and the divine as real. It was this retreat from material to spiritual selfhood which recuperated him for triumph over sin, sickness, and death." ³

Like Jesus, our Way-shower, we have a resort to our "higher self and relation to the Father" and can retreat "from material to spiri-

tual selfhood.” I learned this several years ago when a sore on my ankle became steadily more painful and would not heal. After several months I realized that my metaphysical work had become perfunctory. I was coasting along, praying half-heartedly while I endured the pain. A much more absolute stand was needed.

I began with “the scientific statement of being,” found on page 468 of *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy. As I pondered the second sentence, “All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all,” I realized that since Mind is a synonym for God, I could expand my understanding of this passage by using other synonyms as well. For example, I could affirm that all is infinite Truth and its infinite manifestation, for Truth is All-in-all. I pondered this statement word by word many times, claiming that I was Truth’s manifestation. More than ever before, I realized that Truth is indeed All-in-all and that I was included forever in Truth’s allness.

After about an hour there was a sharp snap and the muscles relaxed. Later that day the sore opened and began to drain. There was no more pain, and a complete and permanent healing followed.

The evidence of the material senses can never satisfy or heal. But this evidence yields as we perceive absolute truths and lift our thought and living upward. As thought becomes more spiritual, we learn how to commune more profoundly with God, to abide with Him, and to love Him more unselfishly. We find the way of peace, health, and enduring happiness—the path of spiritual progress.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 125; ² Gen. 33:10; ³ *No and Yes*, p. 36.

*For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.
The light of the body is the eye:
if therefore thine eye be single, thy
whole body shall be full of light.
... No man can serve two masters
... Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

Matthew 6:21, 22, 24

What Do You Do— Just Pray?

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From time to time I talk with businessmen, students, and church groups about Christian Science. The questions that follow these talks are always interesting, because they stress the concerns people may have about Science. One question that is usually asked is, "When you are sick, what do you do—just pray?" To many people, prayer seems to be a very uncertain and nebulous tool for handling sickness. They do not see prayer as an effective method of treatment for anything they consider serious. When engulfed by sorrow or sickness or deep stress, many people do try to pray. But when they do, they may find themselves on unfamiliar ground. Prayer to them may be just a wavering hope and faith. They may feel they are petitioning a remote and unreal God or paying lip service to the age-old custom of seeking divine assistance when there seems to be nothing else to do. Should it be any surprise that such prayer is often futile and ineffective?

A purpose of prayer is to bring about an awareness of the allness of Spirit, God, and the absolute nothingness of matter. This awareness is basic to Christian Science healing. As we begin to understand that matter is not real, we can at least start to see that it does not control our happiness or well-being. We can begin to see that we are spiritual ideas under the protection and guidance of a God who is Love and Spirit. And as we do this, we find the relief we are seeking; we find ourselves making progress in the right direction.

In the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health*, Mrs. Eddy states, "The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind."¹ Although our being, our very existence, would seem to be the result of material processes and subject to material

limitations, we can start right now to see that such is not the case. Through careful study of the Bible and the writings of Mrs. Eddy, we begin to see what is true of God and man. As we see our true being in a more spiritual light, inharmony will be less a part of our lives.

Prayer in Christian Science is not formularized or stereotyped in any way, though it is guided by the rules outlined in the Bible and the Christian Science textbook. To be effective, prayer must bring about a change in the base of our thought from dependence on matter to steadfast reliance on Spirit.

In scientific prayer we acknowledge the existence of God, the ever-presence of God, the goodness of God. We strive to become more aware of the qualities of God—qualities that are wholly spiritual. We also deny what would seem to be the reality of a material state of existence, of a material body, of a material environment. We diligently turn our thought toward Spirit and spirituality. As we do this, our prayer is effective and healing is assured.

We have a guide for daily study in the series of Lesson-Sermons given to us by our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, in the *Christian Science Quarterly*. As one studies these lessons week after week, they become the foundation for his further study and for continual growth in the ability to pray.

Mrs. Eddy thoroughly explained and demonstrated the fundamentals of effective prayer. The opening sentence of the first chapter of *Science and Health* reads, "The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God,—a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love."²

We need to be consistent in our use of prayer to handle everyday challenges. As we use prayer to solve small problems, we acquire the proficiency we will need to handle the larger ones. Effectiveness in dealing with problems through prayer, like effectiveness in anything else, is assured with inspired practice. But how often we turn to prayer only in times of acute need!

As Elijah had to see that there is no substance in the wind, the earthquake, and the fire, and to listen for God's voice, so we must learn not to become agitated over the winds of medical thinking or to be attracted by the fires of passion and lust. This mental

watchfulness—this weeding out of material thinking, and seeking of the still small voice—is true prayer. It is the prayer without ceasing that opens the door to continual progress.

The effectiveness of prayer can only be proved by healing. Healing cannot be disputed. Healing was the proof Christ Jesus referred to when John's disciples questioned the nature of his mission. To their questions Jesus calmly replied, "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."³ Could there be any doubt as to the nature of Jesus' mission after such healing works? This healing record convinced John's disciples and is still convincing us today, almost two thousand years later.

"When you are sick, what do you do—just pray?" Healing is proof of the effectiveness of prayer, and Christian Science furnishes such proof in abundance.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 162; ² *ibid.*, p. 1; ³ Matt. 11:5.

Man is under God's authority

Visiting Friends in the Hospital

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Most people, including Christian Scientists, occasionally visit a business associate, friend, or family member in the hospital.

Calling on patients is Christian and compassionate. The visit is intended to support them, to encourage, to be neighborly. Or we may sometimes have a moral duty to see that a friend or relative choosing medical treatment gets the best attention possible.

As we realize man's true nature as entirely spiritual—a basic point in Christian Science—our hospital visits need incur no fear or pressure.

Such visits can bless when we free our thought from aggressive pictures of ailing physicality. This mental defense, this clarity of thought, not only helps us but can touch and benefit everyone we come in contact with.

How?

The only place sickness or injury can seem to exist is in human consciousness. And that's the only place we can conquer them, because Christian Science explains all mortal experience as subjective. Acknowledging this fact, we can resist and thereby ameliorate any inharmonious physical appearance or process, even though no specific Christian Science treatment is being given. Sickness is neither God-created nor God-ordained. Knowing the truth of being, we find that mortal beliefs can't project into our thought, because we reject them as spurious. Affirming the true, spiritual perfection of God and His expression, man, never separated from Him, we spiritualize our own thought and uplift those we contact in day-to-day life, including those we visit in the hospital.

So we work out within our own consciousness problems we may encounter in visiting friends or family in the hospital. We can confidently reject the belief that illness and other forms of evil are concentrated there. Mrs. Eddy writes, "Evil has no reality. It is neither person, place, nor thing, but is simply a belief, an illusion of material sense."¹

We can silently affirm that, no matter where we are, God governs us and others—that man is in God's care. Mrs. Eddy writes of this divine care in her spiritual definition of "Japhet," Noah's son: "A type of spiritual peace, flowing from the understanding that God is the divine Principle of all existence, and that man is His idea, the child of His care."²

Christ Jesus indicated God's loving care in his metaphor of the good shepherd. He said: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."³

We can enhance our peace of mind by knowing that God governs all man's functions because in truth man is spiritual, not material.

Christian Science helps us maintain a clear recognition of this fact and provides evidence of it in human life. The visiting Christian Scientist can pray along these lines, but as a general rule he does not give Christian Science treatment without request or to those under medical treatment.

There are other specific points on which the Scientist can correct his thought by turning from material images, smells, and sounds to the spiritual truth of being. For example, one can know that man is energized by God, not by material forces. God maintains man and all he is comprised of—the spiritual qualities and substance of God Himself. Man's being is well, normal, whole. His substance and activity are totally Godlike and determined by God.

Most important of all, the Scientist can know there is only one authority over man. That authority is God. Man lives under His law; God has already created man and pronounced him perfect.

The Christian Scientist will keep a loving attitude not only toward the one he is visiting, but also toward those in attendance. Whatever one's religion or profession, in truth everyone is God's child, His loving expression, desiring to do God's will and seeing only what God knows.

A medical nurse once told a Christian Scientist whose relative she was attending through a difficult illness, "I've learned a lot about love from you!" Misunderstandings about Christian Science and its Founder, Mrs. Eddy, were alleviated in this case—not so much by discussing Science, but by *living* love and intelligence.

As we spiritualize our own thought on the basis of Christian Science—as we walk in Spirit—everyone is helped. We contribute to an atmosphere where others will be spiritually benefited in ways material medicine can't offer.

Thus we fulfill our Christian duty—*scientifically*.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 71; ² *ibid.*, p. 589; ³ John 10:27–29.

No Place for Envy

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Envy is just an ordinary, garden-variety weed. Oh, it claims that we are responsible for its planting. We may find ourselves believing that envy is a deep, secret, personal problem that we are stuck with. But God is the only Mind, and He is infinite good. Therefore envy has no real existence. It was never planted in Mind or in man, Mind's reflection. As soon as we stop claiming it as our own, it begins to wilt. In the sunshine of Christlike, unselfed love, it withers rootlessly away.

Deluded by materialistic logic, people credit both good and evil as real and believe that evil has a legitimate place in thought. Accepting this false premise, one may find himself longing to be naturally and wholly loving in his thoughts toward others, but burdened by the suggestion that he is at the same time envying those he would love. His admiration for a relative or friend may be great, but if based merely on a limited, personal sense such admiration could become unstable and lack immunity from envy. Mortal measurements stir discontent and would keep us striving with ourselves and with one another, or looking longingly toward someone else as the source of our happiness or satisfaction.

Paul must have encountered such suggestions of contrariety, for he wrote, "The good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do." He asked, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" The answer is in his next words: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."¹ J. B. Phillips's translation of this passage reads, "I thank God there is a way out through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Christ Jesus demonstrated the spiritual understanding that attributes power to God and casts out error as unreal. One cannot even imagine Jesus envying another, and the reason is obvious.

The Saviour knew his relationship to God as His beloved Son, inheriting all good from his heavenly Father. He taught that the source of good is limitless and universally available. By attributing all good to God he rendered envy an impossibility in his own thought, and envy's thrusts toward his ministry harmless and unavailing. "There is none good but one, that is, God,"² he taught. Jesus recognized the folly of inordinate, personal attachment. Exemplifying the Christ, the divine manifestation of God, he turned people to God. He enjoined his followers to follow the Christ, the true ideal of being.

As the disciples gained a clearer understanding of the eternal Christ, they found a Saviour much closer to them than a material personality could ever be. After Jesus' ascension they understood more of God as infinite Spirit and of man as His immortal idea. Mrs. Eddy writes: "They no longer measured man by material sense. After gaining the true idea of their glorified Master, they became better healers, leaning no longer on matter, but on the divine Principle of their work."³ They had seen spiritual power displayed on earth as it is in heaven. Turning from person to Principle, they were able to identify themselves and others with Christ, the spiritual idea of God.

Envy can claim no place in our affections when we, too, look away from matter to Spirit, from personal sense to divine Principle. In Christian Science we learn that God is the perfect One. It is the divine nature that is being revealed in man and the universe. The good we see in others is certainly not to be envied but recognized as divine goodness, which each of us can claim for our true identity as God's spiritual idea.

Mortals who see themselves only in relation to other mortals swing like pendulums in a horizontal dimension. Christlike, unselfed love relates substance to Spirit, uplifting thought to higher realms. Mrs. Eddy writes: "Warmed by the sunshine of Truth, watered by the heavenly dews of Love, the fruits of Christian Science spring upward, and away from the sordid soil of self and matter. Are we clearing the gardens of thought by uprooting the noxious weeds of passion, malice, envy, and strife?"⁴ Our main concern must be, not how we measure up to others, but what measure of the Christ ideal we are demonstrating in our daily lives.

Jesus illustrated this point in a lesson to his disciples. Peter had inclined his thoughts toward what would happen to another disciple, asking, in effect, what would be the reward of that man's work. Jesus' reply was, "What is that to thee? follow thou me."⁵

If we would follow the Christ, we will not accept the suggestion that envy can be identified with Love or Love's reflection. Envy is an erroneous and disposable belief—a denial of the joy-filled ever-presence of divine Love. Love's perfection, power, and presence, being infinite, cannot be denied. Love never fails to be loving. We don't have our own "brand" of love. God's love is the only love we have to express. On this scientific basis we can banish any suggestion of envy in ourselves or others and claim our right to express consistent, kind, and pure affection.

¹ Rom. 7:19, 24, 25; ² Mark 10:18; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 47; ⁴ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 343; ⁵ John 21:22.

God's Gift— Undiminishing Good

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God's gift to us is always unchanging good. Leaning upon such conviction, the Psalmist could sing: "The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."¹

The true inheritance of each of us—of man, the son of God—is eternally upheld by the law of God, divine Mind. And this is the only real law there is. There is no law conceivable that can supersede or challenge the law of God and appropriate any portion of our good inheritance.

What is it, then, that tells us our good has been reduced, limited,

or even stolen? Only evil, Satan, the false claim of a power opposed to God. All evil is an impersonal, unreal claim, even though it comes to human thought as a hydra-headed monster with laws of sin, disease, destruction, poverty.

In Christian Science this opposing force is often referred to as mortal mind, which is necessarily unreal if God is Mind and there is only one Mind. Because of its nothingness, mortal mind is incapable of changing or superseding God's law with its supposititious laws. When confronted by the unchanging facts of Spirit, Mind, mortal mind is unable to substantiate its spurious arguments of unworthiness, moral weakness, ill health, poverty.

On this basis we can begin to see the integrity and substance of our true inheritance and the illusion of any challenge to divine good. We can know we are embraced by spiritual law. Whatever would limit or burden our true sense of being is without original cause or spiritual power to back it up.

Christ Jesus saw through the lie of material, faltering existence centuries ago and rejected it. He understood his oneness with God, divine Mind, and knew that he was governed by the eternal law of good. Because Jesus was imbued with the Christ-spirit, it was impossible for him to accept a mind apart from God that could assert counterfeit material laws and separate man from spiritual good.

After speaking of "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus," Paul declared, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."² "Heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." Certainly if we are to claim this good, we must first discover more of what the Christ is and identify ourselves with it. Writing of the Christ, Mrs. Eddy says: "If we say that the sun stands for God, then all his rays collectively stand for Christ, and each separate ray for men and women. God the Father is greater than Christ, but Christ is 'one with the Father,' and so the mystery is scientifically explained."³

Jesus' words and healing works enable us today to recognize the scientific sense of being as our permanent inheritance. When we adhere to this scientific sense, we find that harmony, intelligence,

and divine law are natural. We find that we can express patience, faithfulness, strength, forgiveness, health, moral courage, and integrity.

When there is need for physical healing and Christian Science treatment is requested, the practitioner appeals to God's law and denies the spurious law of mortal mind. Man's harmony, health, and completeness are claimed for the patient until the false, insubstantial beliefs of pain or affliction relinquish their illusory hold on human thought. It is clear that when Jesus healed the withered hand, he was convinced of man's spiritual, richly endowed nature. The suggestion of deformity was proved a lie when the man stretched forth his hand in perfect condition. To the limited understanding of those present, it merely appeared that the man's hand was restored. To the higher Christly perception of Jesus, such a condition was never part of the man's true being.

As the understanding of the Christ dawns on our thought, we become better healers. Healing becomes joyful, unlabored, and we realize that the might of ever-present Truth is the provable, scientific fact of existence. Jesus knew he was not alone in his work, and we are not alone in ours. We can express our true status as heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ.

Christian Science interprets for humanity the message of the Christ. It reveals to human consciousness the undiminishing substance of life, health, and love, and the provability of the divine laws sustaining this inheritance. How this Science, this law of God, operates for the benefit of each of us can be gleaned from these words of Mrs. Eddy's: "Science speaks when the senses are silent, and then the evermore of Truth is triumphant. The spiritual monitor understood is coincidence of the divine with the human, the acme of Christian Science. Pure humanity, friendship, home, the interchange of love, bring to earth a foretaste of heaven. They unite terrestrial and celestial joys, and crown them with blessings infinite."⁴

The immediacy of the Christ, which includes all the law, power, and intelligence expressed by divine Mind, is available to relieve us of false claims upon the good that is rightfully ours. The Christ annuls and invalidates forever any false laws of mortal

mind. The Christ is adequate to destroy all fear, to quell any doubts as to our legitimate rights, our divine rights, as the beloved children of God.

¹ Ps. 16:5, 6; ² Rom. 8:2, 16, 17; ³ *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 344; ⁴ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 100.

BE GONE!

Be gone!
You liar—
For my Father knows nothing of you
And what presence have you here?

Be gone!
I order—
For the allness of God
Allows no room for fear or pain

Be gone!
You crier
For attention and place in thought,
Which I resolutely refuse to concede

Be gone
Forever!
For I know you to be error
Having no place in my consciousness

Be gone!
I cheer—
For the harmony of my being is sure,
My sonship with God, Life, indissoluble.

ELLIOT OLADIPO YEMITAN

A Letter from South Africa

I am immensely grateful that Christian Science enables us—whatever pictures the human mind presents as real—to think of every individual as the spiritual idea of God, His likeness, perfect and harmonious, untouched by anything but good. This truth I understand to be the power that makes us the light of the world and the salt of the earth that Christ Jesus referred to in his Sermon on the Mount. “Ye are the salt of the earth Ye are the light of the world,”¹ he said. And Mrs. Eddy comments, “Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt lose not its saltiness, and that this light be not hid, but radiate and glow into noontide glory.”²

In daily life the human mind often presents to our eyes discordant pictures. The intent is to convince us that God, good, is not All and all-powerful, but that other powers in the guise of lack, sickness, and sin are existent as well. This is when students of Christian Science find their religion so helpful. By reasoning from divine Principle, as Science teaches, they can filter their thoughts. They can reject and eliminate the errors and keep only the truth in their consciousness.

Errors are detected by determining whether or not our thoughts come from God, good, the divine Principle, or creator, of all. We may ask ourselves, Do my thoughts really reflect the qualities of the one perfect Father? An honest answer will help us see what needs to be eliminated from thought and how to live in accord with divine law—being good, doing good, and accepting only the thoughts that are good.

An experience I had some time ago gave convincing proof to me of the guidance, protection, and perfect control of divine Love.

One afternoon there was a loud knocking at the door. It was the young daughter of one of our neighbors. She was greatly con-

cerned and explained that somebody had just taken her brother's bicycle out of the garage and ridden away. Her parents were not at home, and as she felt responsible for this incident, having forgotten to lock the garage, she asked me for help.

I gladly accepted the opportunity to help my neighbor and drove my car with this young girl and a sister-in-law up the road in the direction the man had taken on the bike. I was already clearing, or filtering, my thoughts as we are taught to do in Christian Science, rejecting the picture of loss and dishonesty as impossible under God's law.

The man with the bicycle could have taken one of nine different roads, but I was led to choose the busy main road. After about three miles we overtook three cyclists. As we drove past them, the girl said that the man riding in the middle was the one who had taken the bicycle. I drove on for a hundred yards and got out of the car. Then the man jumped off the bicycle, leaving it still in motion, and disappeared into the bushes alongside the road. The bicycle did not fall but ran straight into my arms. I only had to catch it and put it in the car.

On the way back I thought gratefully about the loving Father's government. Without any sign of violence or other discord a neighbor was helped and an injustice corrected. I had been guided in the right direction, the bicycle—bought only the week before—had suffered no damage, and all this had happened at a time when the road is usually jammed with traffic.

In his Sermon on the Mount Jesus expressed the truth that is the goal of Christian Scientists. We can all do our part by remaining faithful to divine Principle and rejecting as untrue everything that is unlike God. In this way the light of Truth will shine through us for the good of the world and to the glory of the loving Father of us all.

OCKERT JOHANNES JANSEN VAN RENSBURG

¹ Matt. 5:13, 14; ² *Science and Health*, p. 367.

The Baseball Game

Christopher Read (written at age 9)



One day in spring, my friend Curt and I were fooling around. We weren't being bad but just kidding a lot with each other. All of a sudden, Curt got mad at me. I didn't know why. The next day I went to a town baseball game with another friend, and we saw Curt. I was happy to see him, so we went over to his seat. Somehow, he pushed me pretty hard and my leg rammed into the seat. I knew it wasn't my leg that hurt the most—it was my feelings about Curt.

When I got home a little later, I was sad because I thought I had lost my best friend. That week in my Christian Science Sunday School class, our assignment was to learn Mary Baker Eddy's spiritual interpretation of the Lord's Prayer. The part I remembered most just then was:

“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And Love is reflected in love.”¹

Then I saw that Curt and I couldn't have any hurtful thoughts that could separate us. Error or any unhappiness is unreal and has no power, so I knew it couldn't block our friendship. We both reflect Love because we are God's children. Love is powerful! Because this is true, we could remain friends forever.

That night I called Curt and invited him to go to a Boston Red Sox baseball game with my father and me. Even before he said he could go, he apologized. And then he said, “I know I'm going to have a good time!” We sure did. Even though the Red Sox lost the game, we still had fun together because love is always reflecting Love. And that loving thought healed my leg and my feelings right away!

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 17.

Editorials



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Love's Allness: What It Means for Us

Divine Love is God, and is All. This necessarily has direct bearing on our lives. Understanding Love's allness liberates and heals. It gives us the basis for meeting all challenges. The slightest glimpse of immortal Love simultaneously begins dissolving that basic challenge: fear. And when fear is gone, the foundation of problems is taken away.

Love makes no conditions that can cause us concern. And conditions that Love does not make are not real. Love's creation is ideal. It includes no disease or hostility. It excludes lovelessness and loneliness as possibilities or claims. The healing *recognition* of this scientific fact is within reach of everyone, and no one is out of reach of the healing *power* of this fact. The right recognition of the truth of being adjusts whatever needs to be adjusted in order to illustrate the potency of Love in individual experience. Depression or dismay cannot stand before the willing admission of the omnipresence of Love.

We can never be beyond Love, for there is nowhere that God is not. The truth is that we can find ourselves—our real selves—in Love because Love is All. Mary Baker Eddy writes in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*: "God is Love. He is therefore the divine, infinite Principle, called Person or God. Man's true consciousness is in the mental, not in any bodily or personal likeness to Spirit."¹

That which seems linked to material and personal conditions, and sometimes helpless before them, is not man's actual identity. Exchanging the sham sense of identity for the true is a basic element

of demonstrating Christian Science. The Science of Love teaches us to withdraw our consent to physical selfhood and, instead, to acknowledge man to be the idea of benevolent Deity. Our turning from physicality to Love is more spontaneous as we know that Love's infinitude means there's no other direction to turn.

One of the arguments that would try to persuade us that Love is not All is decline—decline of health, supply, peace of mind. Because Love's infinitude cares for all its ideas eternally, decline of good is a falsity. All that can dwindle—and that only in human belief, for nothing good can weaken or disappear—is mortal sense. The sense of man as mortal and of the universe as material is provably unlawful. We can demonstrate its illegitimacy through spiritual reasoning. "For right reasoning," Mrs. Eddy says, "there should be but one fact before the thought, namely, spiritual existence."² Such reasoning turns decline around.

Even a quick analysis of any wrong condition facing us shows that it relates to false reasoning—reasoning not based on spiritual evidence but based on the claim that Love is elsewhere or is uncaring. Right reasoning is scientific prayer, and it heals. It begins with divine Love, Spirit. That this is the proper starting point is strongly indicated by the very first statement of the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."³

The fact of Love's allness and its significance for each of us is straightforward. Our acceptance of the simple truth of Love's presence everywhere—and of its implications—can untangle what seem to be endlessly complicated situations. Complex legal and business conditions—just as readily as complicated physical malfunctions—can be unraveled and proved bogus through the knowledge that God is Love, and that Love loves all of us.

This is so because the true identity of everyone is the reflection of Love, not a mortal personality subject to evil. The wholehearted concession of this point—our living of it—defends us against wrongdoing and wrongdoers. It gives us the basis for bringing out the reality of Love in our own lives and for helping others do the same. It rules out of our thought the belief that hatred is a condition, an action, or a claim.

Love *is*, and Love is All. Love and its expression is the primary reality of being. The very infinitude of Love bars any possibility of

Love being inverted into hatred. It supports us in getting on top of irritations and personal friction. It progressively opens out to us the kingdom of heaven.

Nothing is more important for anyone than growing in the apprehension of Love's infinity. Pursuit of this understanding should take precedence over pursuit of merely selfish objectives. Love itself will show us better priorities and support us in establishing them and sticking to them, for Love is the unfailing intelligence of man. Adopting more spiritual values, we strengthen our demonstration of Love in more consistent healing and more patient concern for those in our care.

Christ Jesus' career, unparalleled in human history, illustrates the vitality of spiritual reasoning based on Love's allness. It was Jesus' conviction of the irresistibility of Love that made him a multitude-attracting healer. He delineated the way, and we can follow. Divine Love, because it *is* Love, guarantees that everyone willing to adhere to the law of Love's allness can demonstrate the real nature of Love and its idea, man. We're never alone in doing this, because there is never a second when we are separated from Love. How could we be? The infinitude of Love necessarily embraces and includes all that really exists, now and evermore.

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¹ *Science and Health*, p. 302; ² *ibid.*, p. 492; ³ Matt. 6:9.

Every Member Is Important

All summer a church garden in one European city is bright with geraniums. Many different colors and species blossom in it for months, not only giving pleasure to the members and regular attendants of that branch Church of Christ, Scientist, but brightening the thoughts and lives of local residents and passersby.

This display is a joint effort of the church membership—testimony to their love for their church. In the spring all the members are each invited to bring a geranium plant—whatever kind and color they individually like. Then the garden committee plants

them in the flower beds around the church. The more members who respond, the more resplendent is the garden. Every geranium counts.

The success of all the activities of a branch church depends on the members, and the church garden is no exception—in fact, it can teach a useful lesson, since it so obviously responds to the quality of the members' support. The extent of their love for their church, and what it represents, governs more than its garden's appearance. If all the members love their church enough to bring a plant, the garden becomes alive and beautiful. But if they are apathetic or sparing in their support, the flower beds will be sadly uninspiring.

In the same way the extent of the members' devotion to their church and what it stands for—the spiritual truth manifested in Christian Science, and God's love for the universe and man—will be clearly apparent. As the members warmly express their love of God and their gratitude for His redeeming presence by conscientiously caring for and supporting the activities of the church, its influence will be widely and abundantly felt in comfort and healing. One might say the geraniums in the garden are offerings of love—that they indicate devotion to a spiritual ideal. And one might go further and recognize that only as each member brings his offering of gratitude and love to the other activities of the church can its maximum healing effect be attained.

Each branch of The Mother Church, wherever it is located and whatever the size of its membership, bears witness in its own community to the universal spiritual idea of Church as it is metaphysically interpreted in *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy: "The structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle."¹

This spiritual idea is active in enlightening and healing humanity in each neighborhood where it is represented, and in the world as a whole, through church members who are active in bearing witness to it, faithfully practicing it in their daily lives and in relation to their church activities. If they cherish this divine idea, their lives will be enriched, their branch churches will prosper, and the activity of the idea will be increasingly felt, spiritually enriching and healing the world.

Are there empty pews in a church on Sunday? Intervals of silence on Wednesday? Any feeling of bleakness about the Sunday School or Reading Room? These shortcomings may not be so visible to the community as sparsely planted flower beds, but they might also be said to indicate on the part of some members a lack of commitment and gratitude to God for His gift of the Comforter. The remedy would be for every member to ensure that in the future he more completely fulfills his part in bringing his offering of loyalty to the divine idea the church represents.

It is love of divine Principle that causes Christian Scientists to attend Sunday services, to support Reading Room activities and lectures, and to bring inspiration to testimony meetings by telling of the healing power of Truth and Love. It is the active inspiration of its members that transforms an empty branch church building with a holy and spiritually attractive atmosphere of healing and thanksgiving. Each member has an individual contribution to make. Each one is important to the church's activity and fulfillment as a vital healing influence in the community. Not one should feel redundant, unneeded.

"Bring an offering, and come into his courts,"² invites the Psalmist. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,"³ says the prophet of the book of Malachi. "Let your light . . . shine,"⁴ urges Christ Jesus. Only when each member brings his geranium to that European church does the garden attain its fullest splendor. Only when every member brings to his own branch church activities his particular contribution of spiritual inspiration does that institution fulfill its purpose in the world as Mrs. Eddy expresses it in the second paragraph of her metaphysical explanation of "Church": "The Church is that institution, which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick."

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¹ *Science and Health*, p. 583; ² Ps. 96:8; ³ Mal. 3:10; ⁴ Matt. 5:16.

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Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

This has been a very productive, progressive year in Christian Science for my family. The healing of a crime situation was very effectively worked out. Upon arriving home from a vacation, we found our home had been robbed. We took the legal steps in calling the police. I called a Christian Science practitioner, and we prayed to recognize God's law-abiding man. Our desire was to hurt no one in uncovering error, and to eliminate belief in animal magnetism as crime working through men.

As I studied the Bible and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, I felt very strongly the robbing had been done by neighborhood boys. So I passed the word out that we expected the guilty boys to come forward and return the stolen items and tell their parents. The next day two neighborhood boys, go-betweens, threw a note at our door that said they would see that our goods were returned, provided we carried out many conditions they outlined. Because the conditions did not seem honest, we held firm and remained prayerfully silent. Within twenty-four hours we had three high school boys come to our door to confess. We asked them to call their parents and have them come to our home.

We had a very productive session with the boys and their parents that evening marked by confidence and trust, a renewal of some self-respect for the boys, and the restoration of harmony between parents and young adults. The boys returned stolen items that evening and in the week that followed. They revealed other rob-

The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—THE EDITORS.

beries they had taken part in, or knew of, and gave information about the vandalizing of a local golf course that had been going on for four years. One of the boys admitted he had contemplated suicide twice because of his deep involvement in these criminal acts, and because he had felt he had no place to turn. We talked to the boys of the importance of their being responsible for their actions, and said we felt they were ready to take a stand for truth. We told them Love was opening to them the right solution that would help everyone concerned, and that we cared for them very much.

The boys had faced us and their parents. Their next step was to turn themselves over to the police and report these other incidents, return the other items, and receive counseling. They went voluntarily with their parents the next day. We learned that all the boys their age in the neighborhood knew of the robbery and were waiting to see what we'd do. The parents of the three boys who had broken into our house were very grateful for the way the whole thing had been handled. They called us in the days following telling us of improved attitudes and constructive activities and better communication in their families.

One mother had been raised in Christian Science, and she is now taking a firmer stand in raising her children. She has attended Christian Science lectures and many Wednesday evening testimony meetings in our branch church. There was no act of reprisal against our son, who is the same age as the boys and attends school with them. Our neighborhood association devoted one meeting to the subject of how residents can help hold crime in check, be more alert parents, and remove temptations. We were able to take this subject of crime prevention on to the junior high and high school Parent-Teacher Associations. Each school gave a program for the community. I felt Christian Science reached out from our home to the neighborhood and community to bless all.

Accidents to members of the family while they were riding horseback have needed quick, prayerful attention. Our daughter was healed on one occasion during a horse show away from home some distance. I had complete confidence to put her in God's care. Within forty-five minutes she felt well and free of any effects of the accident. She rode in her two afternoon classes, taking a ribbon

in each. It was not only a demonstration of quick healing to her but to the other young people. "Divinity is always ready," Mrs. Eddy says. "*Semper paratus* is Truth's motto" (*Science and Health*, p. 458).

I find that when I'm alert and lean on God and draw from His wisdom, I can stand always ready. Christian Science teaches us how to respond effectively to every sincere call for help and how to apply the spiritual law of healing that will meet the need. I am grateful to have been enrolled in Christian Science Sunday School as a child and, while in college, to have participated in the Christian Science organization on campus. Several years ago I received class instruction. I find I'm having more and more opportunity to share Christian Science on a one-to-one basis, refer friends to the Christian Science Reading Room, and acquaint them with the Christian Science periodicals. It's a joy to be of service to our universal family.

(Mrs.) CHARMAINE CARREY TRIMBLE
Rancho Palos Verdes, California



One of the many healings I have had in Christian Science led to my regaining a sense of spiritual dominion. Upon leaving a public building one rainy evening and walking briskly along a concrete sidewalk, I came to an unexpected step and fell. Some dear friends, who are Christian Scientists, picked me up and took me home. A Christian Science practitioner was called upon for prayerful help, as I was in great pain and unable to think clearly or move. Some effects of the fall that needed healing were malfunction of organs, abnormal circulation, shock, and lack of control. The practitioner gave my husband references from Mrs. Eddy's writings to read to me. Two of these were from *Science and Health* (pp. 380-381): "Every law of matter or the body, supposed to govern man, is rendered null and void by the law of Life, God" and "It is man's moral right to annul an unjust sentence, a sentence never inflicted by divine authority."

In a day or so I was more cognizant, and I gained inspiration from listening to recordings of *Unity of Good* by Mrs. Eddy. How-

ever, the situation still appeared to me to be so hopeless that I reached out longingly to God, praying, "He restoreth my soul." To these words of the twenty-third Psalm Mrs. Eddy adds "Love," the synonym for God: "[LOVE] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]" (*Science and Health*, p. 578). This absolute truth filled my being and broke the mesmerism of discouragement. I knew that the healing power of the Christ was ever present and operative; that God's law results in perfect adjustment. I knew, too, that I had to look away from the body to God, Spirit, who is Truth and Love. I needed to replace the false pictures with the truth of being—that man is God's own image; that he lives in Spirit, indestructible and eternal, not in matter; that no aggressive suggestions could delay the demonstration of these truths. The Lord's Prayer, with its spiritual interpretation, the answer to the question "What is man?" and "the scientific statement of being" from *Science and Health* were constant companions. One reference from the Bible Lesson in the *Christian Science Quarterly* was particularly arresting (*Science and Health*, p. 335): "Nothing but Spirit, Soul, can evolve Life, for Spirit is more than all else." Christian Science does indeed regenerate, restore, heal. Within several weeks I was able to resume my church and home duties with joy and freedom.

I am deeply grateful for the help of the dedicated practitioner. This healing led to my gaining a glimpse of the fact that man has never fallen. I am grateful, too, that the peoples throughout the world may experience the inspiration and blessings of this healing Christ Science.

(Mrs.) LILLIAN H. STEWART
Hatboro, Pennsylvania



It was time for my semester finals. I was a junior in high school and had been studying Christian Science all my life.

The day of my final examinations I woke up in the morning with the symptoms of flu. At first, fear struck me, and I thought maybe I wouldn't be able to attend school that day. But I had been taught in Christian Science Sunday School that we have

dominion over every situation. So immediately I denied the thought of flu having any power and left my thoughts open for God to guide me on to the next step.

When I had freed myself of all fear, I became conscious of God with me. I felt so sure that I was His perfect image and likeness under His government and guidance that the next instant the thought of flu left me, like it was not even there to begin with.

I was so happy; I had been healed instantaneously. So I got up and dressed and went to school. My final examinations were a breeze. I went through them without a bit of tension, and I scored high on all of them.

I am very glad for Christian Science; for even if I do not know the answer to a situation, I know that God will instruct me to do the right thing.

ROBERT W. PETERSON
Santa Cruz, California



What a joy it is to be brought up in Christian Science! I am so grateful to have its truths constantly with me to meet my every need.

Several years ago I visited with my parents and younger sister. While there, my former dentist advised me that he had some bad news. He said my wisdom teeth were growing under the gums at an angle so that they were pushing against my other teeth, and if they were not removed in the very near future, they would cause discomfort and even paralysis of the jaws. He recommended an oral surgeon and offered to set up an appointment for me. I replied that my limited stay in town would not permit this and that I would take care of the condition when I returned home.

Since I had already felt some pain in my teeth, fear immediately set in (or perhaps it was vice versa). I was greatly disturbed about the idea of surgery and also about the consequence the dentist had mentioned if the teeth were not righted. As my mother was with me at the time, she reminded me of God's love for man. We also discussed God's omnipotence and how Christian Science is based on

God as the only power. I then decided to work this problem out through prayer and an understanding of God's law, not through medical treatment.

Upon returning home, I contacted a Christian Science practitioner, who gave me treatment through prayer. He pointed out that it is mortal mind's suggestion that causes the problem. We must decide whether we are going to believe the material or the spiritual evidence. When we see ourselves from God's point of view, there is no room for abnormal or discordant conditions.

The turning point came after many days of diligent study of the Bible, and *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy, with no apparent progress. I informed the practitioner that I thought I would go ahead with the surgery. He replied that was my decision to make but that the problem would still be there to be solved. My problem wasn't wisdom teeth or paralysis—it was in the realm of thought. It was not a physical condition at all. In examining my motive in dealing with this situation, I realized that it had been physical healing instead of spiritualized thought.

With this realization and wakening in consciousness, it was no time at all before the fear was eradicated and the difficulty disappeared. Since that time, I have been to several dentists for teeth-cleaning at which time X rays were taken. There was never any mention of abnormality.

The hymns in the *Christian Science Hymnal* were most comforting. Especially meaningful was the fifth stanza of Hymn No. 257, with words by Mrs. Eddy:

Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock,
Upon Life's shore,
'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock,
Oh, nevermore!

I am so grateful for Christian Science because it is a way of life subject to the loving laws of God, not limited material laws.

(Mrs.) CHRISTINA TACK AUSTIN
Boise, Idaho

I have gratefully witnessed my daughter's healing.

(Mrs.) DORIS JEWELL TACK

Science and Health by Mrs. Eddy was in our home while I was growing up. I read it and went to a Christian Science Sunday School, periodically. However, it wasn't until I had been married several years that I turned to Christian Science in earnest.

My husband and I wanted children very much, and as time went by (almost eight years), I became depressed that we had none. One day I was talking to a Christian Science practitioner about another matter and mentioned our desire to have children. Her understanding of the subject was deep and definite. She said that God's children are spiritual ideas. She showed me where Mrs. Eddy gives the spiritual definition of "children" as "the spiritual thoughts and representatives of Life, Truth, and Love" (*Science and Health*, p. 582).

The practitioner also brought to my attention these words in Isaiah (54:1): "Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord." This whole chapter is beautiful and full of promise. I felt as though a load had been lifted from my shoulders.

Soon after, I found I was expecting a child. The birth of our son was very harmonious; and two years later we had a baby girl under the same harmonious conditions.

I am grateful for the practitioner's understanding of God's creation, and that I was able to accept it. This higher view has contributed to the joy we have had in raising our children in Christian Science. I am even more grateful for the knowledge that we could have had a full and happy life without the children, had this been the way it worked out.

My husband and I asked a practitioner to pray for us after we had been involved in an automobile accident. We clung to the truth that there are no accidents in God's spiritual, perfect universe and so, of course, no effects of accidents. With the practitioner's help and our study of the Bible and *Science and Health*, in a short time the injuries, which included pain and apparent bone damage, were completely healed.

We have had many other healings over the years, too numerous

to put in one testimony. Is it any wonder that I am grateful to God for Christ Jesus, the Way-shower, for his follower, Mrs. Eddy, and for the privilege of being a Christian Scientist?

(Mrs.) MARJORIE A. FOSTER
Otter Lake, Michigan

I vouch for the testimony of my wife. I became a student of Christian Science many years after our marriage, when I was greatly in need of a healing of a nervous condition that the doctors couldn't seem to diagnose. After having been in and out of the hospital several times, I agreed to talk with a practitioner, who came to see me, as I was unable to visit her. Very patiently she started at the beginning, telling me that God loved me, and that I was His perfect child. I had always thought of God as someone mysterious, to be feared, and the idea that He was my loving Father, and I His cherished son, was a very wonderful thing. I found God in Christian Science, and this teaching saved my life. Lovingly, over the following months, the practitioner helped me to know that God gives strength to man. I was able to return to work and to resume my regular activities. I was eventually completely healed. Many passages from the Bible that told of man's sonship with God meant a lot to me at this time.

With the prayer of this same practitioner, I overcame a tendency toward persistent colds and attacks of influenza.

Years later, while I was using a table saw, I cut my thumb vertically through the bone and nail. My wife bandaged the thumb, then called the practitioner, who quieted our fears and prayed for me until the thumb was completely healed, a short time later. The nail grew back quickly and perfectly, proving again to us that "with God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26), and the truth of Mrs. Eddy's words (*Science and Health*, p. 484), "In divine Science, the supposed laws of matter yield to the law of Mind."

I wouldn't take anything for my understanding of Christian Science, and for membership in a branch church and in The Mother Church.

GEORGE C. FOSTER

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA—Adelaide: Church, 266 N. Terrace and Frome St., 8 p.m., Tues., Oct. 4.‡ "Justice Under God's Care" (Henderson)

Adelaide: Dequetteville Centre, Dequetteville Ter., Kent Town, 3 p.m., Sun., Oct. 2.‡ "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

Brighton: Brighton High School, 305 Brighton Rd., North Brighton, 8 p.m., Fri., Oct. 7.‡ "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

UNITED STATES

(Week of August 21 to 27, some earlier and some later dates)

ILLINOIS—Mt. Vernon: Church, 1307 Main St., 8 p.m., Tues., Aug. 23.‡ "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

MASSACHUSETTS—Fall River: Church, 551 Rock St., 2 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27. "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

Gloucester: Masonic Temple, 29 Eastern Ave. (Exit 10 from Rte. 128), 7.30 p.m., Sun., Aug. 28.‡ "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

MICHIGAN—Detroit (First): Church, 4844 Cass Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., Aug. 22.‡ "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

Tawas City (First, East Tawas): United Methodist Church, 20 E. M-55, 3.30 p.m., Sun., Aug. 21.‡ "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

MINNESOTA—Minneapolis (Third): Church, 42d St. and Xerxes, 3 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27.‡ "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

NEW YORK—Newark: Church, High and Mason Sts., 8 p.m., Tues., Aug. 23. "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

OKLAHOMA—Tulsa (Second): Thilbrook Arts Center (outdoors), 2727 S. Rockford Rd., 6.30 p.m., Sun., Aug. 21. "The Complete Man and Woman" (Heafer)

OREGON—Portland (Sixth): Washington Park, head of S.W. Park Pl., 3 p.m., Sun., Aug. 28. "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

OREGON (continued)

Portland (Tenth): Reed College Amphitheatre, 3203 S.E. Woodstock Blvd., 5 p.m., Sun., Aug. 21.‡ "Honesty—The Power of Its Deeper Dimension" (Rennie)

WASHINGTON—Anacortes: Church, Eighth and K, 3 p.m., Sat., Aug. 27. "Honesty—The Power of Its Deeper Dimension" (Rennie)

Arlington: Elementary School, French, 8 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 25.‡ "Honesty—The Power of Its Deeper Dimension" (Rennie)

Bellevue: Holiday Inn, 112th and Main St., 3 p.m., Sun., Aug. 21.‡ "Eternity Now" (Angus)

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Mercer Island: Church, Island Crest Way and S.E. 47th, 3 p.m., Sun., Aug. 28.‡ "Honesty—The Power of Its Deeper Dimension" (Rennie)

Seattle (Seventh): Church, 2555 Eighth Ave., W., 11 a.m., Sat., Aug. 20.‡ "Eternity Now" (Angus)

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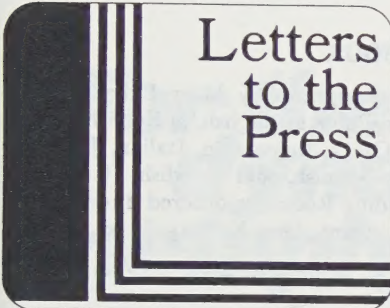
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The Morning Paper
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Lest there be any mistaken impressions, we can assure you that Christian Scientists cherish as Master and Saviour the same Jesus Christ as do Wesleyans.

One could list quite a number of misimpressions which the article (in *The Morning Paper*, September, 1976) leaves, in regard to both Christian Science and its Founder.

The fact is, for instance, that the denominational textbook does not "supersede" Scripture in Christian Science worship services. Had the writer taken the time to attend a Christian Science Sunday service or Wednesday evening testimony meeting, he might have realized his error. The Bible on these occasions is

read first, not as an afterthought, and actually plays a more prominent and substantial part in the Sunday service than in any other Protestant service with which we are familiar.

Similarly, the fact is that Mary Baker Eddy was not healed permanently by Phineas Quimby, nor was Quimby's practice of treatment by suggestion the source of her own teachings. Mrs. Eddy's illness seriously relapsed after a temporary improvement under Quimby's treatment. When Mrs. Eddy's own teaching and practice of Christian healing developed, it was deeply religious, based on prayer, and thoroughly grounded in the Bible. She wrote: "The Bible teaches transformation of the body by the renewal of Spirit" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 241). Actually, Mrs. Eddy specifically excluded the practice of mesmerism, "mind-over-matter," or treatment by suggestion in any form.

Jesus set an exacting standard for Christians when he said (Matt. 7:20), "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" and (v. 1) "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Christian Scientists are content to be known by their fruits.

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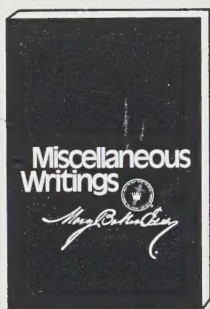
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